Building of DAMS by Karnataka for Storing Water

1777. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :
SHRI BISHAMBAR NATH PANDE :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Tamilnadu Government had complained to the Centre that Karnataka is building dams and reservoirs for storing water in violation of the agreements ;

(b) whether the interim order issued by the Cauvery Water Tribunal has been implemented by the Central Government ; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Government of TamilNadu in its letter of July 6,1986 has stated that a water dispute with the Government of Karnataka has arisen by reason of the fact that the interests of the State of Tamil Nadu and the inhabitants thereof in the water of Cauvery which is an inter-state river, have been affected prejudicially by the executive action taken by the Karnataka State in constructing Kabini, Hemavathi, Harangi, Swarnavathi and other projects and expending the ayacut resulting in materially diminishing the supply of waters to Tamil Nadu.

(b) and (c) The order of the Tribunal dated 25-6-1991 was published in the Official Gazette on December 10, 1991 after seeking opinion of the Supreme Court. With its publication, the Order became effective and binding on party States and is required to be given effect to by them.

Suspension and Resumption of SSP Works by Narmada Project Control Authority

1778. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY :
SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY :
SHRI G. G. SWELL :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Namada Project Control Authority decided to suspend SSP works in its December, 1993 meeting, if so, the details thereof ;

(b) what was the reasons for the suspension of the work ;

(c) whether the high level meeting between the Prime Minister, Water Resources Minister, Environment Minister and Chief Ministers of concerned states decided to resume SSP work ;

(d) if so, why and what are the conditions for resumption of work and what are the details of the resumed works ;

(e) whether the 1500 hectares of forest lands are denotified and handed over to Maharashtra and affected tribals are resettled, if so, the details thereof, when the sluice gates would be closed ;

(f) what is the proposed construction height of SSP this year ;

(g) whether the failure of Narmada Sagar Dam to come up in time would effect the down stream projects and the storage capacity of SSP ; and

(h) if so, the details thereof and its adverse effects on drinkin g water and irrigation project of Gujarat ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) to (h) Keeping in view the safety of the Dam, the Narmda Control Authority in its 48th meeting held on 31-12-93, inter-alia, decided that until a decision on plugging of sluices at EL + 18 metre was taken, the spillway dam portion beyond the schedule upto 31-12-93 approved by the Sardar Sarovar Construction Advisory Committee should not be raised further.

In the meeting taken by the Prime Minister with the Chief Ministers of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh and the Union Minister of Environment & Forests on 12-1-94, it was felt that the work on Sardar Sarovar should proceed and all that was required to be done on priority in all areas likely to be permanently submerged must be completed on time and this should be worked out by the Ministries and States.